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FCC ANNOUNCES THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE WORKING GROUPS OF THE TASK FORCE FOR REVIEWING THE CONNECTIVITY AND TECHNOLOGY NEEDS OF PRECISION AGRICULTURE IN THE UNITED STATES

GN Docket No. 19-329

This Public Notice serves as notice that, consistent with the Federal Advisory Committee Act¹ and the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018,² Federal Communications Commission Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel, in consultation with Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack, has appointed Working Group members to serve on the Task Force for Reviewing the Connectivity and Technology Needs of Precision Agriculture in the United States (Precision Ag Connectivity Task Force or Task Force).

The following working groups will assist the Task Force in carrying out its work: (1) Mapping and Analyzing Connectivity on Agricultural Lands; (2) Examining Current and Future Connectivity Demand for Precision Agriculture; (3) Encouraging Adoption of Precision Agriculture and Availability of High-Quality Jobs on Connected Farms; and (4) Accelerating Broadband Deployment on Unserved Agricultural Lands. A full list of Task Force Working Group members appointed by the Chairwoman in consultation with the Secretary is attached to this Public Notice as Appendix A.³

More information about the Precision Ag Connectivity Task Force is available at <https://www.fcc.gov/task-force-reviewing-connectivity-and-technology-needs-precision-agriculture-united-states>. You may also contact Elizabeth Cuttner, Designated Federal Officer, at (202) 418-2145, or Elizabeth.Cuttner@fcc.gov; Stacy Ferraro, Deputy Designated Federal Officer, at (202) 418-0795, or Stacy.Ferraro@fcc.gov; or Lauren Garry, Deputy Designated Federal Officer, at (202) 418-0942, or Lauren.Garry@fcc.gov.

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¹ Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2 (FACA).

² Pub. L. No. 115-334, 132 Stat. 4490 (2018 Farm Bill).

³ For more information on the working groups, see *FCC Announces and Solicits Nominations for Working Groups of the Task Force for Reviewing the Connectivity and Technology Needs of Precision Agriculture in the United States*, GN Docket No. 19-329, Public Notice, 34 FCC Rcd 10496 (WCB 2019).

APPENDIX A

MEMBERS OF THE PRECISION AGRICULTURE CONNECTIVITY TASK FORCE
WORKING GROUPS

*Indicates a member of the Precision Agriculture Connectivity Task Force

Mapping and Analyzing Connectivity on Agricultural Lands Working Group**Chair:**

Dr. Sreekala Bajwa*

Vice President, Dean & Director, *Montana State University College of Agriculture & Montana Agricultural Experiment Station*

Vice Chair:

Lynn Follansbee

Vice President, Policy & Advocacy, *USTelecom – The Broadband Association*

Members:

Dr. Michael Adelaine*

CIO Emeritus & Special Advisor to the President, *South Dakota State University*

Dan Barcus

Farmer & Rancher, Barcus Ranch, *Blackfeet Nation*

Teddy Bekele*

Senior Vice President and Chief Technology Officer, *Land O'Lakes*

Brent Birth

Professional Land Surveyor & Business Developer, Pennsylvania American Water Company, *National Society of Professional Surveyors*

Joseph Carey

Director, Wireless Strategy, Natural Resources Sector, *Trimble, Inc.*

The Honorable Tarryl Clark

Commissioner, Stearns County, Minnesota, *National Association of Counties*

- *Alternate: Seamus Dowdall, Legislative Associate, National Association of Counties*

Luke Deryckx

Chief Technology Officer, *Ookla*

Eric Forsch

Broadband Development Manager, *Idaho Department of Commerce*

Todd Harpest

External Affairs & Regulatory Director, *MetaLINK Technologies*

Miles Kuschel

Owner & Operators, Rocking K Ranch, *Minnesota Farm Bureau*

Benjamin Smith
Principal Advisor, Business Development & Market Validation, *Kubota Tractor Corporation*

Matt Splitter
Farmer & Member of Kansas Corn Growers Association, *National Corn Growers Association*

Jessica Zufolo
Vice President, Rural Broadband Strategy, *Magellan Advisors*

Examining Current and Future Connectivity Demand for Precision Agriculture Working Group:

Chair:

Heather Hampton+Knodle*
Vice President & Secretary, *Knodle Ltd. Farms*

Vice Chair:

Joy Sterling*
Chief Executive Officer, *Iron Horse Vineyards*

Members:

Seth Arndorfer
Chief Executive Officer, *Dakota Carrier Network*

Andy Bater*
Farmer, *Fifth Estate Growers LLC*

Dr. Ranveer Chandra
CTO Agri-Food, Managing Director, Research for Industry, *Microsoft*

Chris Chinn
Director, Missouri Department of Agriculture, *National Association of State Departments of Agriculture*

Cassandra Heyne
Regulatory Compliance Analyst, *SpaceX*

Ryan Krogh*
Manager, Production System Program Management, *John Deere*

Daniel Maycock
Principal, Data Engineering, *Loftus Labs*

Jason Miller
Safety Manager, Tillman Infrastructure, *NATE: The Communications Infrastructure Contractors Association*

Aeric Reilly
Volunteer Policy & Strategic Management Director, *U.S. Cattleman's Association*

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Steven Strickland
Director, Partnerships & Channels, *Ericsson*

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Executive Vice President & General Manager of Pitt & Greene Electric Membership Corporation,
National Rural Electric Cooperative Association

George Woodward
President and CEO of Trilogy Networks, Inc., *Rural Wireless Association*

**Encouraging Adoption of Precision Agriculture and Availability of High-Quality Jobs on
Connected Farms Working Group:**

Chair:

Julie Bushell*
President, Paige Wireless, *Irrigation Association*

Vice Chair:

Jarrett Taubman
Associate General Counsel, Government and Regulatory Affairs, *Viasat*

Members:

The Honorable Dale Artho*
Commissioner, *Deaf Smith County, TX*

The Honorable Lorraine Ausley*
Florida State Senator, *Florida State Senate District 3*

Robert Blair
Farmer, *Three Canyon Farms*

Lennie Blakeslee
Managing Director, Communications Division, *CoBank*

Dr. Dennis Buckmaster
Professor of Agriculture and Biological Engineering and Dean's Fellow for Digital Agriculture, *Purdue University*

Michael Gomes*
Vice President, Strategic Business Development, *Topcon Agriculture*

Laslo Gross
Director, Product Marketing, *Wireless Systems Solutions LLC*

Robert Hance*
President & CEO, *Midwest Energy & Communications*

Dr. Randy Harp
Dean and Professor, College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, *Texas A&M – Commerce*

Keith Kaczmarek
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Rob McDonald
Operations Manager, *MT Networks LLC*

Catherine Moyer
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Russell Peotter
Senior Advisor, *America's Public Television Stations*

Joshua Seidemann
Vice President of Policy, *NTCA–The Rural Broadband Association*

Accelerating Broadband Deployment on Unserved Agricultural Lands Working Group:

Chair:

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Senior Vice President, Regulatory Affairs, *Hughes Network Systems, LLC*

Vice Chair:

Haran Rashes
Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Affairs, *ExteNet Systems, Inc.*

Members:

Renee Bivens
Analyst and Manager, State Government Affairs, *DISH*

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Anthony Dillard*
Tribal Councilman, *Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma*

Betsy Huber
President, *The National Grange*

Zach Hunnicutt
Farmer, *Nebraska Farm Bureau Federation*

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Senior Manager for Precision Ag Sales for Americas, *AGCO Corp.*

Carolyn Price
President, *Upstate New York Towns Association*

Dr. Alex Thomasson
Professor, Department Head, Department of Agricultural and Biological Engineering, *Mississippi State University*

Jimmy Todd*
Chief Executive Officer & General Manager, *Nex-Tech*

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Director of Strategic Initiatives, *Raven Applied Technology*

The Honorable Dan Watermeier
Commissioner, *Nebraska Public Service Commission*

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Farmer and Board of Directors Member, *American Soybean Association*